

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted along with a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement. No claims have been amended. New claim 46 has been added. No new matter has been introduced by the new claim. Claims 5, 20 and 28 were previously cancelled. Thus, claims 1-4, 6-19, 21-27 and 29-46 are presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following remarks.

Applicants note that claims 1-4, 6-19, 21-27 and 29-45 were allowed per the Notice of Allowance dated June 16, 2006.

New claim 46 includes all of the limitations of allowed claim 1, and further includes an X-ray source operable to emit an X-ray beam. The optical assembly is operable to focus the X-ray beam onto a focalization point. The distance between the focalization point and the X-ray source is less than 90 cm. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 46, as well as claims 1-4, 6-19, 21-27 and 29-45 is in condition for allowance.

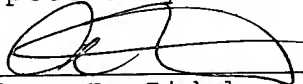
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If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have. If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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